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Sri Lanka won the previous edition of the Asia Cup, played in T20 format, in September 2022 | AFP

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2023 ASIA CUP GOES HYBRID, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA TO HOST

The tournament between the subcontinental teams will begin in Pakistan before moving to Sri Lanka...

ASIAN COUNCIL ACCEPTS PAK'S SPLIT VENUE PLAN

After the BCCI made it clear that India team will not travel to Pakistan, the latter proposed a hybrid model where the initial few games without India will take place in the country before moving to a different nation

With the Asian Cricket Council accepting the proposal, the first four matches will be played in Pakistan. The remaining nine, including the final, will take place in Sri Lanka

TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD FROM AUG 31-SEP 17

- The 13-match tournament will see six teams play in two groups before two teams qualifying for Super Four stages. The top two teams from there will play in the final
- In the lead up to the ODI World Cup which will be played in India in October-November, the Asia Cup will be played in the 50-over format

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TREES COLLAPSE, ROOFS FLY AS CYCLONE STRIKES

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

Waves crash into Mandvi beach, some 100 km southeast of Jakhau Port, ahead of the landfall of Cyclone Biparjoy | PTI

CYCLONE Biparjoy made landfall in Gujarat on Thursday evening, uprooting trees, blowing away rooftops of buildings and damaging boats as strong winds, destructive waves, and heavy rains lashed the coastal areas of Kutch and Saurashtra districts.

There was no immediate reports of any loss of life, though three persons were injured in Devbhumi Dwarka district after a tree fell on them.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the landfall process started around 5.30 pm on Thursday and would continue till midnight. Landfall indicates a cyclonic storm moving over land after being over water.

The IMD had warned of extensive damage to standing crops, houses, roads, electricity and telecom poles, and flooding of low-lying areas.

The cyclone is having a disastrous effect in Devbhumi Dwarka district with torrential rains accompanied by high-speed winds wreaking havoc on land and waves as high as 20 feet lashing the shores.

Classified as a Category 3 (very severe cyclonic storm), Biparjoy (which means disaster in Bengali) appeared to have lost some of its intensity. "The cyclone's speed has dropped in the past few hours to 115–125 kmph. But, the administration continues to be cautious as the threat has not yet been eliminated," Gujarat Commissioner of Relief Alok Kumar Pandey said on Thursday evening. The top windspeed was estimated at 150 kmph on Wednesday.

Ahead of the cyclone's arrival, the authorities had evacuated residents of coastal districts to safer places. Atul Karwal, director-general, National Disaster Response Force, said one lakh people have been shifted. These include 1,100 pregnant women and 8,900 children. "Fishing boats have been anchored, large ships have been sent to high seas, and more than 4,000 hoardings have been taken down," he added.

On Thursday, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel reviewed the situation at a high-level meeting held at the State Emergency Operation Centre in Gandhinagar.

Schools across Ahmedbabd, Kheda, Anand and other affected areas will remain closed on Friday in view of the cyclone.

Anti-Conversion, APMC Acts to go?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Congress Government on Thursday decided to roll back the previous BJP government's amendments made to the Anti-Conversion and Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Acts. At a cabinet meeting here, it also decided to remove the changes made by the BJP government in school textbooks, including deletion of lessons on Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) founder KB Hedgewar and pioneer of Hindu nationalist political ideology of Hindutva, Veer Savarkar, from this academic year.

The meeting approved a proposal to buy rice from other states to implement the 'Anna Bhagya' guarantee which promises 10 kg of rice per person belonging to below poverty line (BPL) families. "These were part of our manifesto," said Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs HK Patil.

Patil told reporters that they were removing amendments made to the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Act (known as Anti-Conversation Act) that was passed by the BJP government. "We will place this before the legislative session that will start from July 3," he said.

The amendments by the previous government had increased the prison term from three to five years with a fine of Rs 25,000. It also stressed that if the violation involved targeting minors, women, SC/ST, the prison term would increase from three to 10 years with a fine of Rs 50,000.

The amendment also brought in a jail term of 10 years and a fine up to Rs 1 lakh for mass conversion. The act had mandated persons wishing to convert to another religion to give a declaration in a prescribed format at least 30 days in advance to the respective deputy commissioners.

The Siddaramaiah government decided to bring in changes in school textbooks for students of Classes 6 to 10.

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SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS TO SEE MORE REVISIONS

Karnataka state syllabus textbooks are set to see another change, as revisions have been approved by the state government during a cabinet meeting. Last year, several changes had been made to state syllabus textbooks, particularly in the Class-10 social science textbook. "The state government has now decided to make immediate amendments in the Class-10 textbooks, as they are being termed as 'most controversial'. However, changes in the textbooks of Classes 6-9 will be done gradually, in the coming years," said sources in the education department. P4

More arson keeps Manipur on boil

A house on fire in a retaliatory arson attack following the killing of nine persons, in Manipur | PTI

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

TWO houses were torched by miscreants in Imphal on Thursday even as the Manipur Tribal Forum filed a fresh interlocutory application in the Supreme Court accusing the Centre and Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh of jointly embarking on a communal agenda for the ethnic cleansing of Kukis.

The arson attack happened at New Checkon area. Security forces fired tear gas shells to disperse a mob that blocked their path. The Army said enhanced area domination operations were being undertaken in fringe areas and higher reaches. In the past fortnight, incidents of violence were reported mostly from such areas.

In their application, the Manipur Tribal Forum urged the SC not to rely on the "empty assurances" of the Centre. It said despite assurances, no relief has been granted so far.

"After the giving of these assurances, over 81 Kukis were killed, 237 churches and 73 administration building/quarter were burnt and 141 villages destroyed and 31,410 Kukis displaced from their homes. The assurances of the authorities are not useful anymore and made in a non-serious fashion and are not even intended to be implemented," the interlocutory application read.

Chargesheet filed against Brij Bhushan

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

THE Delhi Police on Thursday filed a 1,082-page chargesheet in the sexual harassment case against sidelined Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh at a local court. By doing so, they met the deadline set by top protesting wrestlers to prosecute Singh. However, the police also filed a cancellation report in the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) case that was lodged on the complaint of a 17-year-old wrestler against Singh.

"We have submitted a police report under Section 173 of the CrPC requesting cancellation of the POCSO case based upon statements of the complainant — the father of the victim — and the victim herself," Delhi Police spokesperson Suman Nalwa said.

As for the chargesheet, she said it was filed under sections 354 (criminal force to outrage woman's modesty), 354 A (sexual harassment) and 354 D (stalking) of the Indian Penal Code. Vinod Tomar, a close aide of Singh, was charged under Section 109 (abetment), 354 (outraging modesty), 354 A (sexual harassment) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC. The Congress came down heavily on the Centre after the police sought to withdraw POCSO charges. Half of the chargesheet focuses on how it is not a POCSO matter to give Singh a clean chit in the minor's case, it alleged.

In a related development, the police are expected to take back cases against wrestlers who created a ruckus near Jantar Mantar on the day the new Parliament building was inaugurated.

Man gets 7 yrs RI for robbing minor boy at knife-point

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Special Court has sentenced a 29-year-old man for seven years of rigorous imprisonment for threatening and robbing a minor boy of his cell phone at knife-point in Begur police limits in the city.

The accused threatened the boy with a knife. The boy not only lost his cell phone but also his confidence and courage. The incident might leave a permanent scar in his mind, said Santhosh CB, Judge Special Court, in his order sentencing the accused, Govindaraj alias Parivala Putta, a resident of Kumaraswamy Layout.

The judge also issued a directive to place a copy of the judgment before the District Legal Services Authority for payment of compensation to the boy under the Victim Compensation Scheme. The complainant, Arya (name changed), aged 17, stated that Govindaraju and another person, who were riding a bike, stopped him and his younger brother at Devarachikkanahalli and threatened him with a knife to hand over his cell phone on May 18, 2020.

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